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SUBJ: RHODESIAN SANCTIONS COMITE MEETING, AUGUST 22

1. VIRTUALLY ENTIRE SESSION DEALT WITH DISCUSSION OF SSR PARA 13 (WP 77, PARA 5 C). COMITE ACTING SECRETARY HAS BACKLOG OF LETTERS FROM NGO'S RELARING TO POSSIBLE SANCTIONS VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING ONE LETTER PREPARED BY UNSPECIFIED US "CHURCH GROUP" CONCERNING "ILLEGAL" US TRADE WITH SR THROUGH A NETHERLANDS FIRM. (WE HAVE REQUESTED COPY.)

2. DEBATE REVOLVED AROUND THREE POINTS:

A) WHETHER PUBLICITY TO BE GIVEN TO ENCOURAGE INDIVUDUALS AND NGO'S TO REPORT REGARDING SANCTIONS BREAKING WOULD RESULT IN UNMANAGEABLE VOLUME OF PAPER;
B) HOW TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION SENT TO COMITE UNDER PARA 13. IS ANONYMOUS MATERIAL TO BE ACCEPTABLE?; C) HOW WILL CONFIDENTIALITY OF MATERIAL PROVIDED BE PRESERVED? US, UK AND FRANCE ADVOCATED NECESSITY TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING SUCH MATERIAL PRIOR TO SOLICITING IT. REMAINDER OF COMITE, PARTICULARLY YUGOSLAVIA, GUINEA, AND INDIA, URGED MOVING FORWARD WITHOUT PRIOR PREPARATION.

3. AS COMPROMISE, IT WAS AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE FOR NEXT SESSION (AUGUST 24) DRAFT PRESS RELEASE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ENCOURAGE OUTSIDE REPORTING. FURTHER, IT WAS AGREED

THAT COMITE WOULD DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELIABILITY AT LATER DATE, AS WELL AS WHETHER ANONYMOUS MATERIAL MAY BE ACCEPTED. MEANWHILE, COMITE ACTING SECRETARY WILL DISTRIBUTE BACKLOG OF INCOMING MATERIAL FROM INDIVIDUALS AND NGO'S TO COMITE MEMBERS AS INF MATERIAL. FYI: THERE IS NO ANONYMOUS MATERIAL AMONG THESE COMMUNICATIONS. END FYI.

4. DRAFT NOTE TO ALL MEMBER STATES CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF PARAS 12 AND 15 OF SC RES 333 WAS CIRCULATED (COPY POUCHED WASHINGTON FOR COMMENT). REQUEST WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON ACCEPTABILITY, PRIOR TO AUGUST 24 AM MEETING. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING THAT NOTE, (S/AC 15/WP 87), COMITE WILL THEN DEAL WITH CASES 113 (AND SECRETARIAT INTERPRETATION OF SWISS LEGAL FINDING—COPY BEING POUCHED), 109, 100 AND 31.

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